

Application No.: 10/663,432

Docket No.: 4618-002

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 13 and 22 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 2-3, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-20 and 22 are pending in the application. claims 1, 4-5, 7, 12, 14, and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claims 13 and 22 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claims 4 and 14, respectively, and intervening claims 7 and 21, respectively. Claims 2-3, 6, 8-11 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 13. Claims 15-20 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 22.

The art rejections manifested in the Final Office Action are either moot or believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

Accordingly, all claims in the present application are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

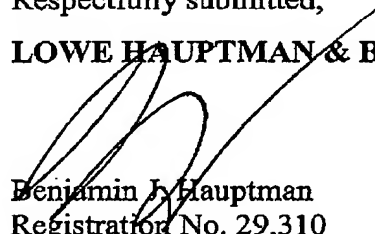
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